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High Pressure Fuel Pump Implosion

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Earlier this week, with just over 21000 miles on the truck, the engine began to sputter, the check engine light came on, "Electronic Throttle Control" message appeared, then the engine shut down completely. Fortunately, this happened only a mile from the house. After a tow to the dealer, and a couple of days for diagnostics, the dealer concluded the high pressure fuel pump failed. They replaced the pump, and the truck failed to start. At this point, they performed an autopsy on the old pump and discovered it was full of metal shavings. The dealer then contacted Chrysler. Chrysler recommended a "complete fuel system replacement". The dealer explained a "complete fuel system replacement" means dropping, draining and cleaning the tank, replacing the in-tank pump, fuel filter housing, fuel filter, various lines, injectors, etc..., and "flushing the entire system". Not really confident in the dealer's approach as they said the high pressure pump that was replaced in beginning would be fine. Seems to me that if metal shavings are contaminating the entire fuels system, the new HPFP would now be contaminated as well.

I've read of this same issue happening to the ecodiesel in the Grand Cherokees. A couple of the owners indicated that Chrysler ended up replacing their vehicles. I going to look into the replacement vehicle process a bit further as I am not convinced the dealer can sufficiently decontaminate the fuel system to restore my confidence in the truck.



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#2 • Apr 7, 2016

Sorry to hear this. Please keep us posted. Thanks.

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#3 · Apr 7, 2016

sort of dumb on the tech's part for not determining failure before just swapping parts If they don't do the job correctly, the new HPFP will eat itself.

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well, if there was any debris it would still be in the high pressure side and return lines to the tank. Any metal shaving that made it to the tank and got sucked up again would have been trapped in the fuel filter. These truck actually have a pretty good fuel filter, 3 micron i believe (my 5.9 cummins only filtered down to 5micron on the good baldwin filters, most others were 7 micron i believe). So theoretically a drain and flush should take care of the remaining contaminants.

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The CP4 6 year old day view, and the dealer has no idea the CP4 on all EDs are internal feed...WOW.

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Crash68 said: ①

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UPDATE:

Crash hit the nail on the head. The dealer had the truck from 4/4 - 4/15 performing a "total fuel system replacement". After picking up the truck on Friday morning, I made it 5 miles from the dealership when the check engine light came on, "Electronic Throttle Control" message appeared, and the engine shut down completely. This time, however, I was on the highway and ended up stranded on the shoulder. The truck was towed back to the dealer, and I am waiting for their response. Per the dealer's documentation, the tech road tested the truck for 4 miles. Thus, the second failure occurred after 9 miles. Below is a list of parts replaced and a description of the work performed.



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Tubes What tubes, the 3.0 has HP lines. My guess those Parts # are Remans form who knows.

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DataBronc said: ①

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Sucks you have to deal with an inept tech working on your truck. Wonder if the dealer is going to try blame bad fuel or something along those lines..

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Speaking of bad fuel...

I spoke with the tech just prior to picking up the truck. I wanted to confirm that they did indeed re-use the replacement HPFP. In that conversation, the tech said they were able to save most of the fuel in the tank. They filtered the fuel with a "paint strainer" and put it back in the tank.



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DataBronc said: 🛨

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Most likely they used one of the filter funnels you use when you loading an automotive paint sprayer. Those are very fine filters, but 26 gallons of fresh diesel is cheaper than a HPFP.

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The initial diagnosis was a bad pump. A new new replacement pump was installed. However, this did not resolve the problem. At this point, Chrysler recommends "complete fuel system replacement". They did reuse the replacement pump, and I suspect that it may have been contaminated with metal from the first attempt to resolve the problem.

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#12 • Apr 22, 2016

This whole topic is sad. If you were out of warranty my take is an independent shop would be frustrated and unable to repair. A dealership would be charging you the lifetime earnings of your first born to affect a reasonable repair.

My take is the truck would be a pushed pile of trash as it would be unreasonable to repair short of replacing the entire engine and fuel system. Oh my. Hope it works out.

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Is there any indication what is causing these pumps to eat them selves?

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I hate hearing stories like this. Problems being exacerbated by poorly trained or just poor techs, period. I'm not sure how your lemon laws are in Texas, but here in Ontario they get three cracks at doing a repair, if after the third time the problem isn't resolved, its buyback time. Document EVERYTHING related to this incident DataBronc an hope for the best, but plan for the worst. I would also be very skeptical if I was in your shoes dealing with such an issue. Best of luck.

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Not a happy story to read. Sucks.

What dealer was this so I can make sure to steer clear of them?

Good luck!

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When I picked up the truck, the service writer told me that it was a good thing I was under warranty as this was a \$10,000 repair for the dealer. Had I come in without warranty, she said it would be closer to \$15,000. I took her comments with a grain of salt. However, as I was signing all the paperwork upon pickup, I got a look at the dealer's internal documentation. Whereas my copies all had "N/C" for the costs, the dealer's copy had dollar amounts. Total cost was roughly \$9,600. They would not let my have a copy of the paperwork showing the dollar amounts.

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Turns out the second failure was caused by a "loose fuel pressure sensor". Service writer said they "didn't get it plugged in all the way".

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So, it's working again? Keep us posted, bud!

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The pressure sensor is very common on the 3.0 there are millions of engines through out the world with the exact same sensor and the dealership plugs it in wrong or NOT all the way BS, if it does not make contact the supplied 5V or the G-wire will not make contact thus the input wire will not be sending any signal for the ECM/PCM to fire the hot hole. the truck will NOT start if its defective it will either start and MAX rail puke, joke and spit. If Ram does NOT start some type of required training to educate these techs Owners will be in constant fear of warranty repairs thus looking to buy elsewhere.

The 3.0 is overseas assemble and built that's inherited high repair cost after warranty.

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